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DEMOCRATS GAIN 142 PERCENT IN REGISTRATION IN TORRANCE

Unprecedented Increase All Over Los Angeles County Shown By Figures Just Compiled by Registrar of Voters; Republican Gain Here Small

Democratic registration in Torrance during the four years since the last presidential election has made gains of more than 142 per cent. Republican gains show less than 10 per cent increase, according to figures just released by Registrar of Voters W. M. Kerr.

In eight other cities in Los Angeles county in which comparisons were made, including Bell, Beverly Hills, Burbank, Compton, Huntington Park, Lynwood, Maywood and San Fernando, the same startling growth in Democratic registrations is recorded with correspondingly low increase on the Republican side.

Torrance has now registered to vote on November 8, 1937 Republican; 1492 Democrat; 36 Socialist; 14 Prohibition; 205 declined to state; a total of 3684. In 1928 the figures were 1771 Republican; 616 Democrat; 21 Socialist; 27 Prohibition; 150 declined to state; total 2685.

The new Liberty party has no registered adherents in Torrance.

Percentage of gain as derived from the above figures are as follows: Republican 166, or 9.27 per cent; Democrat 876, or 142 per cent; total 1099, or 42 1/2 per cent. Lomita's registration for 1932 shows 1192 Republican; 1163 Democrat; 35 Socialist; 17 Prohibition; 257 declined to state; a total of 2664.

Keystone shows 311 Republican; 323 Democrat; 14 Socialist; 2 Prohibition; 3 Liberty; 25 declined to state; total 678. Gardena city: 1136 Republican; 954 Democrat; 35 Socialist; 13 Prohibition; 4 Liberty; 191 declined to state; total 2313. Gardena, unincorporated: 243 Republican; 183 Democrat; 5 Socialist; 2 Prohibition; 41 declined to state; total 473.

Dominguez: 302 Republican; 278 Democrat; 5 Socialist; 6 Prohibition; 50 declined to state; total 641.

A Democratic gain in the whole of Los Angeles county reached the unprecedented gain of 132 per cent during the past four years. Approximately 100,000 persons changed their addresses between the August primaries and September 29 when the registration books closed.

Many Persons Are Employed On Election Day

Nearly 800 Precincts Established in Fourth Supervisor District

There will be a total of 781 voting precincts in the fourth supervisory district, it was revealed in a check-up made today with W. M. Kerr, registrar of voters.

While there is a total of 800 precincts in the district, 19 of them will be consolidated, leaving 781. The first supervisory district is the largest, with 876 precincts, of which five are to be consolidated. The second district is the smallest of the five, with 557, none of which will be consolidated for the November 8 election.

Election boards for the precincts for the general election have been passed by the county board of supervisors, which will mean one day's employment for nearly 21,000 persons.

Because of the large number of questions to appear upon the ballot November 8, voting will be slow, Registrar Kerr predicts. The board of supervisors has approved of the purchase of 1000 additional voting booths, in order that the number may be increased where voting population is heavy, and thus speeding up voting wherever possible.

Harbor District C. of C. Meeting

The Harbor District Chambers of Commerce are meeting tonight at Hawthorne, at 185 N. Hawthorne avenue. The principal address will be made by Ernest East, chief engineer of the Automobile Club of Southern California, on the subject, "The State Highway Problem."

The November meeting will be held at the Southside Chamber of Commerce, 8800 So. Hoover street, on November 10.

City Engineer Prognosticates

City Engineer Frank Leonard turned away from his blueprints and maps Monday long enough to do a little figuring for the Herald reporter, and the result was his prognostication of the vote to be cast in Torrance on November 8 for his favorite candidate for U. S. senate.

The other two candidates will split 841 votes between them, says Leonard, making a total vote for the office in Torrance of 2523, or 70 per cent of the registered total.

Dominguez Club Women Vote to Join Federation

Take Active Part in Promoting Campaign of Hoover Successor

After a most inspiring talk by Miss Nellie Kelly of Los Angeles, on the power of women's organizations and the task that is before them in problems of government safeguarding the home, church and school and a presentation of the work of the county and Southern California federations of Republican Women's clubs by Mrs. Edward C. Magauran, county president, members of the Republican Women's Study Club of Dominguez township voted on Thursday afternoon to federate with both county and southern division and to send delegates to the county convention to be held in Los Angeles, October 21.

The meeting was held in the Dominguez Community building, with Mrs. Fannie M. Moore, president of the National Speakers' Bureau, Mrs. Hoyal stated that she had known President Hoover for 17 years and Vice-president Curtis even longer, and related several instances of her contacts with them in Washington.

Mrs. William Kraemer, president of the Florence Collins Republican Women's Study Club of Alhambra and San Gabriel, was also introduced and invited to be one of two speakers at the April meeting of the club.

Delegates elected to the convention were Mrs. Al Hemming of Compton; alternates, Mrs. S. C. Saul, Mrs. Kraft, Mrs. Sarah Patton and Mrs. Alice Vinson. Mrs. Moore, president, is a delegate ex-officio, and other members plan to attend, and Mrs. William S. Fluss was appointed to have charge of reservations and transportation.

Tea was served by women of Dominguez precinct two, with Mrs. Fannie M. Moore and Mrs. D. J. Finnegan, hostesses, assisted by Miss Betty Hunt.

Torrance Relief and Flour Distribution In New Location

The Torrance Relief Society, which has been occupying the store room at 1803 Cabrillo avenue, for several years, has moved to a new location at 1216 El Prado, a room formerly used by the Bippie Furniture store.

The Red Cross agency, for the distribution of flour and cloth, under the direction of Mrs. Caroline Collins, has also moved to this address from the room in the same block at the corner of Sartori and El Prado.

The two institutions will operate from the new address beginning this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gourdier entertained as their house guest last week-end, Mr. Gourdier's nephew, George M. Gourdier, of Elnahs.

Health Center Building Ready In Short Time

Contracts Let for Linoleum and Partitions, Construction Nearly Finished

Work on the new county health center building on Carson street has progressed to a point where its early completion is expected. The building will be ready for occupancy in about two months, according to Dr. J. L. Pomeroy who visited the building this week.

At the request of Dr. Pomeroy, a caretaker is to be stationed at the building shortly. Request for the addition of another caretaker to the county system of health centers was made by Dr. Pomeroy this week. The health officer asked that the caretaker be put on duty November 1, in order to attend to details which include landscaping and care of the building. Appropriation of \$725 for payroll addition was asked of the supervisors.

The building is referred to by the county as the "Reynolds-Torrance health center." It is to serve the entire southwestern section of the county, south of Hawthorne. The Inglewood health center serves Inglewood, Lennox, Lawndale and Hawthorne. The Compton health center serves the area east and northeast of Torrance.

Contractor C. Bongiovanni states that the building will probably be completed by November 10, when it will be furnished and put in shape for use by the county health department of this district, who expect to move into the new quarters about December 10.

The contract for furnishing and installing rubber base and linoleum was awarded to the Lindley Carpet Company by the board of supervisors this week. The Lindley company's low bid was \$1850.

Four other Los Angeles concerns bid upon the proposal. Bidders were limited to Los Angeles county.

The Standard Cabinet Company was low bidder on the proposal to furnish movable partitions for the health center when bids were opened by the board of supervisors on Monday. Bids were asked upon two kinds of materials, and the Standard firm was lowest on the second type specified.

Harvey A. Nichols was low bidder on the first type of material specified at \$1240. Bids were received from nine contractors, all being referred to W. M. Davidson, chief mechanical engineer, for analysis and recommendation.

Debate Challenge, Colden to Henning, Politely Declined

A challenge issued by Charles J. Colden, Democratic candidate for member of congress, to his Republican opponent, A. E. Henning, last Friday night at a political meeting held at Booster hall, Keyline, failed to meet with an acceptance on the grounds that Henning's many engagements would prevent him from setting a date to discuss the issues of the present campaign with the San Pedro man.

Colden had offered to meet Henning at any time and place prior to the election in a joint debate on political issues.

Colden overwhelmingly defeated the speaker chosen by the Republican Women's Study Club of Dominguez to oppose him on the question, "Resolved, that the election of Franklin D. Roosevelt to the presidency would be a detriment to the interests of the average citizen."

The debate was staged in response to a challenge issued to the club by Thomas Cowan, past president of the Keystone Chamber of Commerce and a prominent Democrat of that community.

Ex-Senator Samuel Piles, who had been invited to deliver the main address of the evening was also paid to visit by the San Pedro candidate, refusing to answer Colden's questions on the ground that as an ex-senator it would not be fitting to enter into a debate with one who was merely a candidate for office.

Speaker to Talk On Wright Act

A mass meeting, to be held under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. and the local churches, will be held Thursday evening, October 20, at 7:30 p. m., at the Methodist church.

Principal, P. T. A., Work to Save Injured Player's Life

Herman Hamman, injured Torrance high school football player, promptly owes his life to the prompt and decisive action of his principal, Arthur G. Waidelich, who secured the co-operation of the Tenth District Parent Teachers Association in caring for the youth during a critical period.

When Herman's brothers, John and Navert Hamman, called on Mr. Waidelich Friday and reported to him that the young man's life was in danger, Mr. Waidelich called upon the P. T. A. headquarters in Los Angeles, and arranged for speedy assistance. On his representations that the matter was urgent, all the department red tape was cut, and an appropriation of \$50 was made to pay for two nurses who cared for the boy through every minute of the time for three days and nights and brought him through the crisis.

Peritonitis had set in, and the attending physician and nurses battled for many hours to save the life of the unfortunate youth. Thanks to their untiring efforts, and the promptness with which Principal Waidelich had met the situation, the boy is now doing well, and is expected to recover.

Hamman, who was one of the 1932 football team's most promising warriors, is a senior this year, and has been very popular throughout his high school career. His critical situation caused grave concern among his schoolmates and teachers, as well as among the friends of his family.

CITY IS HOST THIS EVENING TO CO. LEAGUE

Representatives of Municipalities Gather For Meeting Here

Torrance is host tonight to the Los Angeles County League of Municipalities, an organization numbering several hundred members, city officials of the various communities in the county.

The guests will be entertained with a banquet served at 6:30 p. m. at Earl's Cafe. Afterwards those present will hear a report of the recent 34th annual convention, which will occupy their attention for the greater part of the evening.

Other matters to come before the gathering will be the reorganization of the State League, just completed, its position and proposals concerning the gasoline tax, legislative program for the coming session of the state legislature.

Mayor William T. Klusman will deliver the address of welcome. City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, members of the city council and other city officials will act as sponsors.

Among those who are expected are Mayor I. N. Gilbert of Santa Barbara, vice president of the State League, and president of the Citrus Belt League; Mayor William H. Cook, of Montebello; Mayor Paul Witmer, of Santa Ana; City Clerk Victor D. McCarthy, of El Segundo; Engineer D. M. True, of Los Angeles, all directors of the league; City Manager E. A. Stockburger, of Alhambra; City Health Officer Dr. J. J. Dunshie, of Pasadena; City Attorney Louis H. Burke, of Montebello; City Planner Robert B. Taplin, of Long Beach; City Attorney James H. Wetzel, of Burbank; and City Clerk, and Gordon Whitman, acting secretary of the State League; Mayor A. B. Fry, of Coronado, president of the League of Municipalities of San Diego county; Mayor W. L. Fowler, of Redlands, vice president of the Orange Belt League.

All P. T. A. Groups In Tenth District Drive For Members

Membership drives are being conducted in various 243 associations, of which Torrance is one, of tenth district, and should be completed about October 15. The total membership of tenth district last year was 50,873. This year the organization is working for a 10% gain, and while many other organizations and clubs dropped in membership last year, tenth district P. T. A. gained, says Mrs. George Ernest, district membership chairman.

Men membership alone increased about 3,000. This year it is hoped to double that number. A large number of the men members are also becoming actively interested and working in their local groups. There are many fathers' councils throughout the state, and many have been formed in colleges.

At present clothing and feeding thousands of children are the outstanding project needs.

ASSISTANT POSTMASTER SUFFERS HEART ATTACK
W. J. Howell, assistant postmaster at Torrance, who suffered a heart attack Friday afternoon while working at his desk, is reported well enough to be up again.

Mayor Opposes Appropriation to Help Needy

Action Delayed On \$1000 Request to Aid Veteran Relief

City funds cannot be used to purchase food to give to needy unemployed, Mayor Klusman told the city council Tuesday night in voicing his opposition to a plan to assist the Veterans' Relief Association in its work of feeding hungry men and their families.

A petition signed by a large majority of local business and professional men, as well as leaders in local welfare work, was presented by Judge C. T. Rippey, and asked for an appropriation of \$1000 from the general fund to help defray transportation and other necessary expenses of the association.

Judge Rippey cited similar cases in which other municipalities had provided funds to relieve distress and in which the courts had upheld the practice, and stated that in his opinion the proposed appropriation was "not a gift for private purposes" within the meaning of the law, and therefore the appropriation could be lawfully made.

Rippey stated that \$1000 spent in this manner would provide many times as much food as could be purchased if the money were disbursed as wages to the unemployed.

The petition presented by Judge Rippey asked that a member of the city council disburse the proposed appropriation and that none of the \$1000 be spent in wages.

This provision aroused the ire of several Klusmanites in the audience who have been receiving pay from the city's unemployment fund for work in the street department.

Councilman Ludlow asked the opinion of C. J. Rambo, whose company had just been awarded another year's contract for auditing the city books, as well as City Attorney Jensen. Rambo advised against the appropriation and Jensen questioned the legality of the proposed action.

The matter was taken under advisement by vote of the council and no action was taken.

Suggestion Favored
Since the Tuesday council meeting, the editor of the Herald suggested a method of securing the \$1000 appropriation from city funds, which City Attorney Jensen stated, in his opinion, would meet with legal requirements. The Herald's suggestion in brief is as follows:

That the city give employment to unemployed members of the Veterans' Relief for work performed on city streets and other activities of the department of public works to the extent of \$1000 and that checks in payment of the work be made directly to the relief association members. These members in turn should agree to endorse their checks over to the relief association to defray expenses of transportation and purchase of food which, of course, will be distributed to them and other members of the Veterans' Relief.

Rev. D. Hurley of Catholic Church Is Transferred to L.A.

Rev. D. Hurley, who has been the resident priest at the Church of the Nativity in Torrance for the past four years, has been transferred to another parsonage and left yesterday to assume his new duties. Rev. Hurley goes to St. Aloysius church, 2115 East Nadeau, Los Angeles, where he has a larger field of work. A school is connected with this church, which creates an added responsibility for the priest in charge.

Rev. Hurley will be replaced in Torrance by Rev. Thomas Kennedy, of Chula Vista, who will take charge of the services and parochial work here immediately.

New Route Through Foothills Proposed

Connection between Valmonte Plaza in the Palca Verdes tract and Vermont avenue is in prospect today with issuance of an order to the county surveyor's department for a location survey. The order was made by the board at the request of Supervisor John R. Quinn.

The proposed connection with Vermont avenue is at the intersection with Anaheim street. The location survey is to be started at once.

The extension of Vermont through this area will open up territory to travel which has had no highway development and will provide a new scenic route through the foothills to the summit overlooking San Pedro and the harbor. Valmonte is now reached by way of the highway which enters the hills from the foot of Narbonne avenue, the road continuing into San Pedro from the west and around the coast to Palca Verdes Estates and the west coast beaches.

KLUSMAN GROUP BITES BACK AT ATTACK BY VETS RELIEF

Boasted 1500 Membership of Citizens' League Believed Dwindled To Less Than a Dozen

The attack made upon Mayor-Klusman by the Veterans' Relief Association two weeks ago in city council meeting, drew a counter-attack at this week's meeting of the council from officers of the Citizens' League.

In a letter signed by F. W. Simmons, chairman; A. J. Perrison, vice chairman; and A. E. Redmond, secretary-treasurer, the league petitioned the council "in the future to ignore any vicious unwarranted attacks such as was made at the last council meeting upon one of your members, Mayor W. T. Klusman." The letter also stated that the charges made by Beach were founded on "hearsay."

When asked by the Herald how many active members the Citizens' League had now, Mayor Klusman replied: "I don't know. There were 1500, maybe there are 2000 now," said Klusman, hastening away. However, another member of the council, who recently was asked to attend a meeting of the Citizens' League in the Central Garage, stated that he found only about ten men present, and when the league attended a political meeting recently, only eight were present.

Asks For Badge
Following the reading of the Citizens' League letter, Mayor Klusman asked that Beach's police badge be taken away from him, stating that Beach had ordered him out of the Veterans' Relief headquarters and acted in a manner "unbecoming an officer."

Councilman Conner explained that Beach had been deputized because the police department thought it was necessary, and asked that the matter be referred to the police committee, which was done.

In its letter to the council two weeks ago, the Veterans' Relief Association blamed the "loud talk and bluster" of Mayor Klusman in his contacts with county officials for the failure of Torrance men to secure employment on county jobs in this district.

Eight Candidates File Petitions For Judgeships

Seek to Replace Three Judges Now Facing Recall

Addition of six more candidates this week for the judgeships now held by Superior Judges Guerin, Fleming and Stafford, brought the total number of candidates for the recall positions up to eight, according to registrar of voters, William Kerr.

Candidates were allowed until October 3 to file their nominating petitions. The special recall election will be consolidated with the regular general election to be held November 8.

For the office of Judge Guerin those who are filed are William J. Clark, 209 North Almansor street, Alhambra, lawyer, and John Beardsley, 5743 Huntington drive, lawyer. Municipal Judge Bogue filed his petition for this office last week.

Nominating petitions for Superior Judge Stafford's position were filed by Municipal Judge Baird, Municipal Judge Lahey and Arthur E. Briggs, 2372 West Twenty-first street, lawyer.

Municipal Judge Ida May Adams filed for the office of Superior Judge Fleming, as did Municipal Judge Palmer.

Chamber Members to Meet Monday to Adopt Bylaws

A new set of bylaws will be presented for adoption to members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Monday evening, October 17, in the chamber offices. The meeting is called for 8 p. m.

Plans of the reorganization committee of the chamber, call for the nomination and election of a new board of directors and officers, in accordance with the proposed new bylaws.

Trucking Crews Bring Back Many Sacks of Spuds
Trip to Exchange Oranges For Potatoes Extended to Stockton
Truck drivers who went north last week to exchange a load of 20 tons of oranges for potatoes, came back Tuesday with 118 sacks of tubers which will be distributed to the workers of the Veterans' Relief Association.

When the crew was ready to start last week it was found that the Moreland truck just purchased at a very reduced figure by the association, was not in shape to make the trip. Due to the interest shown by the management of the D. & M. Machine Works, two trucks were obtained from this source and the trip was made on schedule.

At Fresno, some hitch in the program delayed the exchange and the Torrance crew found that they had to proceed to Stockton to get the return load. They arrived here shortly after 11 o'clock Tuesday night, having encountered heavy fog on this side of Los Angeles which slowed up their running time.

The dehydrating plant is now in operation at the headquarters on Cravens avenue. A force of about ten women were busy Wednesday peeling, coring and slicing apples for the process which promises to be very successful. The first batch of dried fruit was expected to be turned out today.